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Introduction

No substantive comments were received that specifically address this section.

Proposal Objectives

No substantive comments were received that specifically address this section.

Summary of Proposal and Alternatives

No substantive comments were received that specifically address this section.

Significant Areas of Controversy and Issues to be Resolved

Comment O-1.512

This section completely fails to address the most significant and controversial issue involved in this proposed project, the reduction and removal of a major portion of Maury Island. As stated earlier, this issue goes to the heart of the State Environmental Policy Act which warns against “any irreversible and irretrievable commitments of resources which would be involved in the proposed action should it be implemented” (RCW 3.21C.030(2)(c)(v)). This proposed project would have an irreversible and irretrievable negative impact on Maury Island itself. This issue must be addressed as part of the DEIS.

Ortman, David

Comment O-1.500

Table S-10. Aesthetic changes/Significant Unavoidable Impacts: This table fails to list one of the most significant unavoidable adverse impacts regarding land and shoreline use, namely the physical loss of approximately 10% of Maury Island. Please add

the following to this table.
Ortman, David

Response The physical changes to Maury Island that would occur have been added to Chapter 4, Geology and Hydrogeology, in the FEIS. Aesthetic impacts of these changes are discussed more thoroughly in Chapter 11 of the FEIS.

Comment TABLE S-1 Comparison of Alternatives Features, Maury Island Mining Operations. Regarding Area to be Mined/No-Action Alternative: Please define “foreseeable future.”
Ortman, David

Response The “foreseeable future” is a way of describing a situation that is apparently stable for as long as can be reasonably predicted, but that nevertheless could change at some undetermined point in the future due to currently unknown circumstances.

Environmental Setting

No substantive comments were received that specifically address this section.

Phased Review

No substantive comments were received that specifically address this section.

Summary of Impacts, Mitigation, and Significant Unavoidable Adverse Impacts

No substantive comments were received that specifically address this section.

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